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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF MANFRED VON NOSTITZ TO CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON

1. IN COURSE OF INTRODUCTORY CALLS OF NEWLY-ARRIVED DCM O'DONOHU ON CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BAUER, WE LEARNED THAT CANADIAN DCM MANFRED G. VON NOSTITZ WILL LEAVE BANGKOK IN AUGUST AND WILL BE ASSIGNED TO CANADIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, HANDLING EAST ASIAN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

2. VON NOSTITZ WAS BORN IN PARIS IN 1942 AND IS A MEMBER OF A DISTINGUISHED GERMAN DIPLOMATIC FAMILY. HE IS A GREAT GRANDSON OF OTTO VAN BISMARK. HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY EMIGRATED TO CANADA AFTER WORLD WAR 11 WHERE HE WAS NATURALIZED, ATTENDED UNIVERSITY IN TORONTO AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENTERED THE CANADIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. HE SERVED IN THE CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION IN HANOI AND SAIGON AND HOLDS PARITCULARLY SKEPTICAL VIEWS, AFTER THIS EXPERIENCE, RE-GARDING HANOI'S INTENTIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE IS, OF COURSE, A NATIVE SPEAKER OF GERMAN AND FRENCH, AND HIS ENGLISH IS MARKED ONLY BY A SOFT "R" TYPICAL OF GERMAN SPEAKERS WHO LEARN TO SPEAK OTHERWISE FLAWLESS ENGLISH. HE IS POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE , PERSONALLY ENGAGING, INTELLIGENT,
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AND WELL-DISPOSED TO THE U.S.

3. HE AND HIS STUNNING WIFE JUDIT WERE MARRIED IN JANUARY, 1977. SHE IS KOREAN-BORN, HALF KOREAN AND HALF CAUCASIAN IN ANCESTRY, THE ADPOTED DAUGHTER OF CANADIAN MISSIONARIES IN SOUTH KOREA. SHE MET HER HUSBAND IN THAILAND, WHERE SHE SORKED AS A CANADIAN VOLUNTEER (SIMILAR TO PEACE COPRS),

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TEACHING ENGLISH IN AYUDHYA, NORTH OF BANGKOK. SHE IS
POISED, INTELLIGENT, AND AN ADDITION TO ANY GROUP. SHE
IS POLITICALLY CONSERVATIVE, LIKE HER HUSBANG, BUT TENDS
TO BE MORE OUTSPOLEN THAN HE IS IN SOCIAL GROUPS.
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